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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a solar energy initiative involving
2 specified institutions under the control of the state board
3 of regents, and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE — APPROPRIATION.

2 1. A solar energy initiative is established for the
3 installation and initial maintenance of solar energy systems
4 with no less than two thousand kilowatts of generating capacity
5 per system at specified institutions under the control of
6 the state board of regents. Solar energy systems shall be
7 installed pursuant to the initiative at the state university
8 of Iowa, Iowa state university of science and technology, and
9 the university of northern Iowa by no later than June 30, 2017.
10 Each institution shall provide funding necessary for completion
11 of the installation in the event that the amount allocated
12 for distribution to the institution pursuant to subsection 3
13 is insufficient to complete the installation. All equipment
14 utilized and incorporated into the installation shall be
15 manufactured in the United States.

2. Each institution receiving funding pursuant to the solar energy initiative shall submit a report by December 15 annually beginning December 15, 2014, and ending December 15, 2019, regarding installation progress and the resulting amount and value of energy production. The report shall be submitted to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on natural resources, natural resources and environment, education, and appropriations, and the joint transportation, infrastructure, and capitals appropriations subcommittee.

26 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
27 to the state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning
28 July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount,
29 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
30 designated:

31 \$ 18,000,000

32 One-third of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
33 subsection shall be distributed by the board to each of the
34 three institutions involved in the initiative. Notwithstanding
35 section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated moneys received in

1 accordance with this subsection shall not revert but shall
2 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated
3 until the close of the fiscal year that ends four years after
4 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill establishes a solar energy initiative involving
9 specified institutions under the control of the state board of
10 regents.

11 The initiative involves the installation of solar energy
12 systems of no less than 2,000 kilowatts of generating capacity
13 per system at the university of Iowa, Iowa state university,
14 and the university of northern Iowa by no later than June
15 30, 2017. The bill requires each institution to utilize and
16 incorporate only equipment manufactured in the United States
17 in making the installation, and to submit a report to the
18 chairpersons and ranking members of specified senate and house
19 of representatives committees and subcommittees by December 15
20 annually for a five-year period regarding installation progress
21 and the amount and value of resulting electricity production.

22 The bill appropriates \$18 million from the general fund
23 of the state to the state board of regents for the fiscal
24 year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, for
25 purposes of establishing the solar energy initiative, to be
26 distributed in equal one-third shares to each of the three
27 institutions involved in the initiative. The distributed
28 funds shall be used to complete and initially maintain the
29 installations. The bill provides that an institution shall
30 provide funding necessary for completion of the installation in
31 the event the distributed funds are insufficient to complete
32 the installation. The bill provides that the appropriation
33 shall not revert but shall remain available for purposes of the
34 initiative until the close of the fiscal year ending June 30,
35 2019.